

Attachment to [UGMA] 56154, 13 September 1961

[FLEMING]([UPHILL]) - [] Meeting 7 September 1961

6. [Gleb UMNOV] - [FLEMING] mentioned that while in Washington [BERNHARD] had been briefed on the security problem involving [MELBARDIS], on [MELBARDIS]'s contact with [UMNOV], and the suspicion that [UMNOV] might be an SIS agent and actually serve as a communication channel between [MELBARDIS] and the KGB. [FLEMING] said that as we knew, [UMNOV] was handled by [ALBERTI], who in [UPHILL]'s opinion was completely on the level. [FLEMING] said he had requested [Cor. HERTER] on the basis of a suitable pretext, to discuss the question of [UMNOV] with [ALBERTI]. [FLEMING] said the result was that [ALBERTI] had no doubts whatsoever concerning the reliability of [UMNOV], and that in discussing the matter in considerable detail, [HERTER] also got the impression that [UMNOV] probably was okay. [FLEMING] said it was probable that [ALBERTI] had an inevitable feeling of loyalty toward [UMNOV], who was an old friend, but that [ALBERTI] was objective enough so that he would inevitably bring up any really questionable aspects of [UMNOV]'s background or indications there should be any doubt about his bona fides.

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